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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 AND 1.143**


Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated January 29, 2003, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-9 and 20, drawn to an animal or avian species modified to have reduced levels of Bcl-w protein. Applicants further provisionally elect, with traverse, SEQ ID NO: 1 and SEQ ID NO: 2, directed to human Bcl-w nucleotide and polypeptide sequences. Moreover, Applicants submit the following amendment for entry in the present application.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on June 30, 2003.

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